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For: METHOD FOR STRUCTURING A :

STATE REVOLVING FUND BOND

PROGRAM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT FIGURES

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in connection with the above-identified patent application. Of note, a first Office Action on the merits has not yet been received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.